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2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-14,16,18 and 24-27.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Scott W. Cummings on 25 MAY 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

Page 1, after the title and before line 3:

-- FIELD OF THE INVENTION ---
has been inserted.

Page 1, between lines 5 and 6:

-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --
has been inserted.

Page 3, between lines 16 and 17:

-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --
has been inserted.

Page 14, after line 29:

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deforming the spooling device or the axle element(s).
Most preferably, a tape measure according to the invention can withstand a drop of 3, 5 or even 10 metres onto a hard surface such as concrete.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING FIGURES

Preferred embodiments of the present invention will now be described, by way of example only, with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is a schematic plan view of a known spooling disc.

Fig. 2 is a schematic plan view of a spooling disc of a tape measure according to an embodiment of the invention.

Fig. 3 is a schematic perspective view of the spooling disc of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is an alternate schematic perspective view of the spooling disc of Fig. 2

Fig. 5 is a schematic plan view of a spooling disc of a tape measure according to another embodiment of the invention.

Fig. 6 is a schematic plan view of a spooling disc of a tape measure according to another embodiment of the

invention.

Fig. 7 is a schematic partial sectional view (in perspective) of one half of a tape measure according to an embodiment of the invention.

Fig. 8 is a schematic sectional view of a tape measure according to another embodiment of the invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Fig. 1 shows a known spooling disc 10. The disc has an outer portion 12 with an outer surface 14. In a --

has been inserted.

Claim 27, line 1:

"claim 17" has been changed to -- claim 24 --.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to G. Bradley Bennett whose telephone number is 571.272.2237.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH 8:30-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Diego F.F. Gutierrez can be reached on 571.272.2245. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571.273.8300.

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